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MISSOULA--

University of Montana track coach Harley Lewis is breaking up that old cinder gang of his this weekend to compete in four different meets, including one at home.

The home meet at Dornblaser Field, which begins with field events at 1:15 p.m., is a dual with Western Montana College. Lewis figures that with 11 men gone to other parts of the country the Grizzlies will be pretty even with WMC. The Dillon squad is usually the class of the Frontier Conference.

Montana's steeplechase expert George Cook is in Des Moines, Iowa, for the Drake Relays and Lewis thinks the junior distance ace has a fairly good chance of winning the 3,000 meter event.

"George is healthy and has been running very well," Lewis says, "and I think it's possible for him to win."

The field at Drake includes 17 of the best steeplechase runners in the country, but only three of them have lifetime bests better than Cook's. He has run the event in 8:50.8 and the three he will have to beat have run a second or so faster.

Cook qualified for the NCAA Championships with his 9:02.5 winning time in a double dual last weekend with Washington State University and the Air Force Academy.

Four Grizzlies are in Washington for the Husky Invitational. Doug Darko and Hans Templeman chose to run the three mile in Seattle's low elevation in hopes of qualifying for the NCAA meet. They must run in 14:00 in order to do so. Also at the University of Washington are long and triple jumpers Glenn Chaffey and Many Kigame. Lewis sent them there because UW's excellent jumping facilities give them a chance for NCAA qualifications.

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